

## Report from Tim Clarke – Cornerstone School

The children, staff and families have enjoyed settling in successfully to our new home on Bluebell Way. There have been a number of events during the course of the year, and we have received many visitors keen to learn how the school building and site work well. It has also been an exciting year for the school which successes including: accredited as a Microsoft Showcase School (one of only 9 primary schools to achieve this in the UK) and coming 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the grand final of Dance Live.

We are appreciative of the support of the local community, the Building Consortium, local councillors and the County Council in ensuring a smooth transition and a successful first year. In particular our thanks go to Tim Burgess, Fiona Burrows and Nick Yarrow for their outstanding work in designing the building and helping oversee it's construction and the to be expected snagging list. We would also like to thank Ash Spooner from the Consortium for being very supportive and responsive re the roads and parking.

At our previous site the maximum number of children attending Cornerstone was 190. We currently have 230 and are predicted to have 255+ from September 2022 - so we are excited that we continue to grow.

The main issues that families raise with us, which are likely to only increase as we grow are that:

1. The pedestrian pathway outside our south boundary, that will link to houses in that area and in the north section of North Whiteley has not yet been started. Currently therefore all families are having to access through one main entrance, and at least one family (who don't have a car) are having to walk daily down the Botley Road
2. That the lack of road markings, school signage in the immediate vicinity of the school leads to some vehicles driving quickly and dangerously when driving past the school

However overall, we are very happy with our first year at our Bluebell Way site and appreciative of everyone's support and interest.